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The Story of Eufemia

2010

Eufemia was born out of the passion and vision of young youth workers trained through EU exchange programs. With a mission to promote active citizenship, non-formal education, and international youth mobility, the organization embarked on a journey to make a difference in the lives of young people.

2012

Eufemia achieved accreditation with Agenzia Nazionale Giovani, marking a significant milestone. This year also saw the birth of the "Collecting Unsold Food" initiative in District 3, which blossomed into the impactful Food Pride project, championing food redistribution and waste reduction.

2013

The organization gained recognition in the "Solidarity Accompaniment" register and launched social after-school programs at the ATC houses in Corso Racconigi 25. These programs provided much-needed support to primary and secondary school children, fostering a nurturing educational environment.

2014

With "Signs in Europe," Eufemia broke new ground, bringing together deaf and hearing children from various nationalities. This groundbreaking initiative led to the founding of "LISTen," and Eufemia secured accreditation from ITER for Estate Ragazzi. The organization also established the Erasmus+ desk at Corso Ferrucci 67.

2015

Eufemia introduced "Social Informatics," empowering students with digital skills for academic and career success. The intercultural exchange "Culture Bridge - GISR ATAKAFAT" brought 70 young people to explore the Arab world during Ramadan, culminating in the first open IFTARs in Republic Square.

2016

The "Think Global, Act Local" initiative emphasized sustainable living and mobility. Eufemia launched the innovative "Free Code School" project, bridging educational gaps in

collaboration with IC Alberti. The Erasmus+ Desk expanded to Informagiovani of Nichelino, reaching more young minds.

2017

The "Harvested&Eaten" project with Marsigli Residence for the Homeless deepened social engagement through cooking workshops. The "GOAL: Youth Oriented to Work" project tackled youth unemployment. Eufemia showcased Robokoding's sumorobot at the "Italian and International Tool Fair," promoting STEM education.

2018

"Pandora's Drum" brought performing arts workshops to Turin schools. "Dragtivism," an international exchange on gender identity and Drag art, took place. "Offline" workshops taught conscious social media use. The Marsigli Masterchef Contest celebrated culinary creativity, while the "Speaker's Corner" KA2 partnership promoted active listening and inclusion.

2019

Eufemia launched the "Food PRIDE" network, exchanged best practices in combating food waste, and opened Italy's first educational escape room, "Escape4Change." The women's project "Trame" led to the founding of "At Amal, hope." The "Games of Trainers" course enhanced youth work quality, and Eufemia collaborated with the Institute of the Deaf in Pianezza.

2020

In response to the Covid crisis, Eufemia provided crucial food, social, and relational support. The "R-Summer in Barriera" festival reunited the community post-lockdown. The social enterprise "The Taste of the World" was launched, and Eufemia received a new ESC quality label, doubling its volunteer capacity. The virtual escape room "The Phantom Menace" debuted.

2021

With a focus on youth wellness and mental health, Eufemia continued solidarity and food support initiatives. The award-winning CibOfficina project saw Eufemia's faces on Turin buses. The start-up "Gemma" was launched, and the "Youth to Change EU" project facilitated dialogue between youth and policymakers. The Theatre Desk became a hub for workshops

and relationship building, and the "QUARANTINE" project aimed to enhance digital youth work.

2022

Marking a decade of impact, Eufemia welcomed a new president. The organization reflected on its governance and work environment, redefining its focus and objectives. Eufemia reoccupied the Corso Ferrucci spaces, nurturing the ZOE project, and continued its legacy of innovation and community impact.

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Short description of the organization

Eufemia is a non-profit association founded in Turin in 2010 and specialised in **social inclusion actions at local and EU level**.

The organisation promotes all actions and principles connected to *active citizenship, cultural differences as social value as well as to foster human rights and ethical policies*. Eufemia is focused on facilitating the acquisition of key soft competences of disadvantaged individuals as children, young people, adults, and people belonging to minorities. To do so, Eufemia supports activities starting from local level to bring at international level best practices in the following fields:



FOOD

contrasting food waste and food divide and fostering environmental sustainability



INNOVATIVE EDUCATION

designing innovative actions by using holistic tools to promote social inclusion and increase long-term positive impacts on individuals



YOUTH

promoting access to open opportunities for the new generation by using international mobilities and youth work



DIGITAL TOOLS

spreading awareness on the correct and ethical use of the digital media as well as promoting media literacy in disadvantaged background groups



MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING

promoting actions, with particular focus on young people, to promote awareness on the topics connected to individual mental health and wellbeing

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Eufemia's education approaches are inspired to the principles of non-formal education, intercultural pedagogy, and peer-to-peer methodology. Eufemia works to collect needs and characteristics of the people and the territory involved and transform those inputs into concrete actions which provide tools and willingness to all individuals reached. The main aim is to allow beneficiaries to become aware, free, and empowered citizens.

The overall projects designed over the years by Eufemia have been created from a social-educational perspective and aim to actively involve and empower people with fewer opportunities and young people in synergies with a wide network of public administrations and private social actors who support the actions at local and EU level.

Some of the key target groups of the organisations are:

SCHOOL STUDENTS

Eufemia mainly works in peripheral areas to support primary and secondary school students to have access to innovative educational actions created using holistic approaches. In the past years, Eufemia enlarged the activities also to kids through afterschool and laboratories at school.

YOUNG PEOPLE

A key focus has been prioritized over the years to young people in the age group 15 – 30. They are involved in different actions from local until EU level that involve topics connected to active citizenship and social inclusion. Eufemia has a large area dedicated to international opportunities for young people under the Youth Accreditation KA1 in which allowed in the past to have access to youth exchange and training courses to more than +5.000 young people and youth workers across the EU.

INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES

Eufemia works together with individuals that have mental or physical disabilities and with psychiatric patients or people with mental disorder. Over the years, the organisation promoted social inclusion action oriented to promote autonomy and wellbeing.

DISADVANTAGED ADULTS AND YOUNG ADULTS

Another key target is represented by fewer opportunities adults, with reference to the young adults and families from disadvantaged backgrounds. Eufemia facilitates access to basic services connected to media literacy or acquisition/enhancement of soft skills for the labour market as well as address individuals towards public providers and services with open access to support concrete the social inclusion actions of those disadvantaged targets.

INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEERS

Eufemia works from it born to support young people, with specific focus for those have fewer opportunities, to have access to international opportunities of volunteering across the EU. Eufemia is also accredited under the European Solidarity Corps as Leading


organisation. Every year host +10 volunteers from EU and non-EU countries, half of them with disadvantaged background.


What are the activities and experience of the organisation in the areas relevant for this application?


Eufemia is an experienced organisation specialised in **social inclusion actions at local and EU level**. Over the past years, Eufemia implemented more than +300 *project financed under the main local, national and EU programmes*.


Eufemia is an organisation focused on **holistic approaches applied to innovative educational programs**. Thanks to the long-standing experience collected over the year through international short and long mobilities, especially with the Youth Accreditation under the Erasmus+ KA1 and the European Solidarity Corps program, Eufemia increased its know-how in designing innovative actions by connecting local and international dimension and creating bridges to promote accessible opportunities for everyone, especially for those with fewer opportunities.


Some of the key relevant projects to mention are:


 [Science of Cooking \(E+ KA2 220 – ADU\)](#) aims at to encouraging non-formal learning STEM subjects among adult persons with intellectual disabilities (ID) through cooking, making learning this subjects more appealing and fun in a way that does not just increases the knowledge on STEM subjects, but also other basic competences and skills and as well the independence of persons with ID.

 [QU.A.R.A.N.T.I.N.E. – Qualitative Advanced Research And Training for Inclusion of Neets through Electronic tools](#) (E+ KA2 205) aiming at addressing youth workers/organizations to provide knowledge, competences and tools to improve the quality of “distance” youth work, both for emergency situations like the one in which we are living, and for other potential situations in which a “blended” approach could be useful.


 [Rainbow Youth](#) (E+ KA1 and KA2) aiming to provide Youth Workers, Trainers & Educators, unfamiliar with the topic, elements to promote inclusion of LGBTQI+ young people in mainstream youthwork experiences and spaces.


 [Eurolys - Moving past forward](#) (E+ KA1 accreditation), a yearly youth exchange that allow +40 young people across EU and non-Eu countries to dealing with the topic of History and how this can shape values and active citizens in different communities;


 [Wellbeing Squad: mission learning](#) (E+ KA1 accreditation), a project about teenagers' wellbeing in the learning context, focusing on psychological wellbeing

 [Generation Europe](#), (E+ KA3) a network of youth work institutions for furthering an active European civil society. We are cooperating to remove obstacles to participation of fewer




opportunities participants in political/social life and in their community, to address social change and meaningful critical engagement in active citizenship.

 [Tempo Curioso \(CON I BAMBINI\)](#) a project about digital divide and digital literacy and awareness in rural areas in the Piedmont region. We are developing non formal methodology workshops on digital awareness among young people (13-18), with a specific focus on school dropout and teenager isolation prevention in schools in the rural and Alpine area of Valle di Susa. 15 schools are involved.

 [Spazi digitali](#): a series of interactive seminars about digital trends focusing on influencers and private life, bitcoins, e-gamers, storytelling and more.


 Web2.D: a digital school for empowering women (mostly with migratory background)



Eufemia has part of [Aria Spazi Reali](#), a public service of the City of Turin aimed at young people in the Turin area between the ages of 14 and 28 (as well as their families) implemented by several entities as part of a co-design process. In the green spaces of the Royal Gardens, numerous services and proposals are offered to young people who seek support in their growth process, who want to experiment with new activities or simply spend their free time in the company of others. The activities are divided into three macro-areas:

-  Psychological listening, aimed at young people aged 14 to 21 and declined into individual paths, group paths and a listening service via chat dedicated to the prevention of suicidal behaviour.
-  Leisure activities, meetings, and workshops, aimed at young people aged 14 to 28. The project's wide range of offerings includes a web radio workshop, language meetings to train English and Italian, meetings dedicated to the broad topic of addiction, an information desk for international European exchanges, and more!
-  Pathways to Autonomy, aimed at young people from 14 to 28 years of age who seek support in educational or work orientation, CV writing, house hunting, and anything else that involves gaining autonomy and independence. Both individual meetings and group activities are provided; in addition, a support desk for LGBTQA+ migrant subjectivities are active in this area.

What are the skills and expertise of key staff/persons involved in this application?

Eufemia is composed of **long-standing experts in non-formal approaches and innovative educational tools**. For this reason, the staff is composed by hybrid profiles which bring added value to the relevant activities of the organisation. Some of the key figures are:

-  **Pasquale Lanni (Programme Manager & Trainer)**: designer and facilitator for online training activities, he has expertise in edutainment activities for Eufemia. Trained in IT and ICT for Social Good, he has over 15 years' experience in designing and conducting innovative activities based on game-based learning and other non-formal education techniques.

-  **Silvia Fazio (Project manager & Trainer):** she has a long-standing experience in designing innovative project proposals in the main EU funding projects. With more than +11 years of experience in non-profit entities, she contributes with innovative training to guide organisations and is an expert in reaching innovative outputs by using the value of sharing good practices at EU level in the field of Youth, Gamification, and new technologies.
-  **Stefano Castello (Project manager and Educator):** he has a long-standing experience in the social inclusion of people with disabilities, with particular focus on people with mental disorder and psychiatric patients. He also is a chef and manages a social enterprise, *il Gusto del Mondo*, which is dedicated to the social inclusion through food of people with disabilities in collaboration with public centres.